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RE: Friday Night Co-Rec Softball

There are sixteen teams scheduled for the top two Friday co-rec leagues. The Dawson Northeast League has been a B/C league and the Southeast League has been C/Upper D. One team assigned the Northeast League felt the league is too strong for their team.

To accommodate the team we created two four-team leagues - an upper and lower league. One of the teams placed in the upper league is not pleased with the arrangement. We understand and have no problem with teams expressing their concerns.

The final alignment will have the original reluctant team dropping to the southeast field, which will create a nine-team league. Seven of the teams will have one bye and play six league games. Two teams will play seven league games and not experience a bye. This will keep the league on the same seven-week schedule. Any team which does not play a combination of league and tournament games totaling the guaranteed eight games will receive a refund at the season's end.

The northeast field will have seven teams and each team, during the course of the seven-week season, will play one doubleheader, which will result in eight league games with no additional cost for the extra game.

The Friday night B/C league has presented several challenges over the past three years. On the other hand, the Sunday night B League, in terms of numbers, has been very strong. We have experienced similar challenges with the Men's B Leagues - one strong night and one weak night. Starting with the spring season we will invoke the same limited opportunity solution we have used with the Men's B Leagues:

We will no longer offer a co-rec B League on Friday night. Teams that want to play at the B level must register for Sunday evenings or find another community to play in. Prior to each new softball season, we will be in touch with potential B League teams and offer them priority registration. The priority registration will insure a solid eight-team league.

Tempe Parks and Recreation regrets the inconvenience the change may cause a team or two. For further discussion please contact Larry West, 480-350-5218.